

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace the abstract with the following amended paragraph:

An electrical connector disposed between a store and an aircraft or dispenser comprises a first store-side part mechanically connected to the store and a second aircraft-side complementary part connected to an electrical cable attached to the aircraft or dispenser at a forward end, the aircraft-side part comprising a core containing electrical contacts and an outer shell snap-engagable with the store-side part to securely retain the aircraft-side part in mating engagement with the store-side part while the store is being carried by the aircraft, the outer shell being adapted to be pulled off the store-side part as the store is separated from the aircraft, the outer shell being formed as a separate component or assembly, removably attached to the aircraft-side part core.